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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-4 and 6-24 are pending. There are no amendments to the specification, claims or drawings presented by this paper.

Claims 1-2, 8-13, 15-16, and 20-24 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by US patent No. 5,280,973 to Culling. The rejection is respectfully traversed. The invention relates to a latching device for releasably connecting separable members, as recited in claims 1 and 15, and for releasably connecting a fairing to a truck body, as recited in claim 12.

The Culling patent discloses a latch for a tank hatch or combat vehicle door. The latch includes a pin 32 having a groove 38 and a rod 36 for moving and turning the pin along a hole in a body member. The pin extends through a hasp 26 having a hole and engages a retainer 8 to secure the hasp to the body member.

The subject matter of the claimed invention, relating to separable members, results in significant differences in function and structure as compared to the Culling device.